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TO AMEMBASSY RANGOON PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, BM

SUBJECT:POSSIBLE NE WIN VISIT TO THE U.S.

REF: A) RANGOON 1405; B) STATE 101281; C) RANGOON 3523 (77)

1. THE DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES INFORMATION AND ANALYSIS  
CONTAINED IN REFTEL (A). WE CONCUR WITH THE FAVORABLE  
FACTORS YOU CITE AS SUPPORTING A VISIT TO THE U.S. BY  
PRESIDENT NE WIN. HOWEVER, AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION, WE  
HAVE CONCLUDED THAT AN INVITATION FOR NE WIN TO VISIT THE  
U.S. WOULD NOT BE REALISTIC AT THIS TIME. THE EARLIEST  
POSSIBLE TIME A VISIT COULD EVEN BE CONSIDERED WOULD BE LATE  
1979.

2. OUR REASONS FOR THIS CONCLUSION ARE SEVERAL. AS  
STRESSED IN REFTEL (B), WE ARE INSTRUCTED NOT TO ENCOURAGE  
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REQUESTS BY FOREIGN LEADERS TO SEE THE PRESIDENT. REFTEL  
(B) ALSO CITES THE REASONS FOR THIS POSITION AND APPROPRIATE  
RESPONSES TO TAKE IF QUERIED BY FOREIGN LEADERS.

3. IN ADDITION, THERE IS THE ISSUE OF PRIORITIES RELATING  
TO THE NEEDS OF OTHER SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS. PM KRIANGSAK  
HAS BEEN INVITED FOR EARLY 1979 (ESSENTIALLY CONFIRMING AN

EARLIER INVITATION EXTENDED TO HIS PREDECESSOR). WE ALSO

HAVE OUTSTANDING REQUESTS FOR LEADERS SUCH AS SUHARTO AND MARCOS TO VISIT THE U.S. AND MEET WITH THE PRESIDENT. IN PRINCIPLE, HEADS OF STATE OR GOVERNMENT VISITING THE U.S. PRIVATELY WILL ALSO NOT RECEIVE GUARANTEES IN ADVANCE OF POSSIBLE WHITE HOUSE APPOINTMENTS. SOME HABITUAL "PRIVATE" VISITORS WHO ARE ALSO HEADS OF STATE HAVE RECENTLY BEEN REFUSED APPOINTMENTS.

4. WE HAVE SO FAR NOT RECEIVED ANY INDICATION THAT THE BURMESE HAVE SOUGHT TO SOUND OUT U.S. OFFICIALS ON A POSSIBLE VISIT.

5. WE WILL KEEP THE EMBASSY PROPOSAL IN MIND, AS FORWARD PLANNING OF VISITS FOR 1979 AND 1980 PROCEEDS. VANCE

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